

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

JC973 U.S. PTO
10/086244
03/01/02

In re Patent Application of:) GAU:
John S. Brown, Dilip Patel and)
Diana Senor) Examiner:
Application No.: Not Yet Filed) INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
Filed: March 1, 2002) STATEMENT
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
TRACKING FIXED ASSETS)
2600 Aramark Tower
1101 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

The Assistant Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
I hereby certify that this correspondence is
being deposited with the United States Postal
Service First Class Mail in an envelope
addressed to: The Commissioner for Patents and
Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on March
1, 2002.


Denise Grisack

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information [attached hereto and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified)] of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

This Information Disclosure Statement:

- (a) accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith. 37 CFR § 1.97(a).
- (b) is filed within three months after the filing date of the application or within three months after the date of entry of the national stage of a PCT application as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.491.

- (c) [] as far as is known to the undersigned, is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.
- (d) [] is filed after the first office action and more than three months after the application's filing date or PCT national stage date of entry filing but, as far as is known to the undersigned, prior to the mailing date of either a final rejection or a notice of allowance, whichever occurs first, and is accompanied by either the fee (\$230) set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) or a certification as specified in 37 CFR § 1.97(e), as checked below.
- (e) [] is filed after the mailing date of either a final rejection or a notice of allowance, whichever occurred first, and is accompanied by the fee (\$130) set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(i)(1) and a certification as specified in 37 CFR § 1.97(e), as checked below. This document is to be considered as a petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement.
- (f) [] is filed before the mailing of a first office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

[If either of boxes (d) or (e) are checked above, the following "certification" under 37 CFR § 1.97(e) may need to be completed.]
The undersigned certifies that:

- (g) [] Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication mailed from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.
- (h) [] No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication mailed from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

A list of the patent(s) or publication(s) is set forth on the attached Form PTO-1449 (Modified).

A copy of the items on PTO-1449 (Modified) is supplied herewith:

- (i) each (j) [] none (k) [] only those listed below:

Those patent(s) or publication(s) which are marked with an asterisk (*) in the attached form PTO-1449 (Modified) are not supplied because they were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in a prior application Serial No. ____, filed ____ and relied upon in this application for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

A concise explanation of relevance of the items listed on form PTO-1449 (Modified) is:

- (l) [] not given
(m) [] given for each listed item
(n) given for only non-English language listed item(s)
[Required]
(o) [] is in the form of an English language copy of a Search Report from a foreign patent office, issued in a counterpart application, which refers to the relevant portions of the references [copy attached].

REMARKS REGARDING CITED ART

The Examiner is reminded that a "concise explanation of the relevance" of the submitted items "may be nothing more than identification of the particular figure or paragraph of the patent or publication which has some relation to the claimed invention," MPEP § 609.

While the information and references disclosed in this Information Disclosure Statement may be "material" pursuant to 37

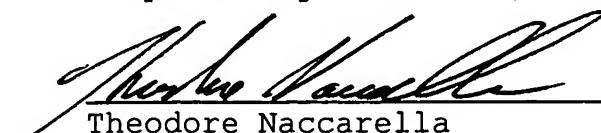
CFR § 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a) exists. It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.98 and MPEP § 609 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 09-0461 for any fees required in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. **A duplicate copy of this Notice is enclosed for this purpose.** In particular, in the event that an Office Action has crossed in the mail with this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the above-named deposit account for any fees required pursuant to CFR §§ 1.17(p) or 1.17(i)(1).

Dated: 3.1.02

Respectfully submitted,



Theodore Naccarella
Registration No. 33,023

Synnestvedt & Lechner LLP
2600 Aramark Tower
1101 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Telephone: 215-923-4466
Facsimile: 215-923-2189

Attorney for Applicants
International Business Machines

Form PTO-1449 Modified		Docket No.	Application No.	 JCS 3 10/086244 U.S. PTO 03/20/02
List of Patents and Publications Cited by Applicant (Use several sheets if necessary)		RSW920020014	N/A	
U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office		Applicant(s) John S. Brown, Dilip Patel and Diana Senor		
		Filing Date March 1, 2002	Group N/A	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials		Document No.	Date	Name	Class	Subclass
	AA	5,361,393	Nov. 1, 1994	Rossillo	395	650
	AB	6,076,064	Jun. 13, 2000	Rose, Jr.	705	1
	AC					
	AD					
	AE					
	AF					
	AG					
	AH					
	AI					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials		Document No.	Date	Country	Translation	
					Yes	No
	AL	JP200067113	3-3-2000	Japan		X
	AM					
	AN					

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

AQ	English language abstract of Japanese patent No. JP200067113, 3-3-2000		
AR			
AS			

Examiner	Date Considered
----------	-----------------